

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JUNE 8TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the State Comptroller, at Annapolis, Maryland, on Tuesday, June 8th, 1937.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.  
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

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Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, also attended the meeting.

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There was presented before the Board a budget amendment to the State Roads Department in ten parts, being numbered 3 to 12, effecting salary adjustments and transfers of funds from the State Roads Contingent Fund, from the Oiling allowances and other funds, to the Maintenance accounts of the various districts. Chief Engineer Smith, Assistant Chief Engineer Reindollar, and Auditor William A. Codd, of the State Roads Commission, appeared before the Board and explained the necessity for these transfers.

The Board reviewed these budget amendments and approved them insofar as salary adjustments were involved. Upon the recommendation of the above named representatives of the State Roads Commission, the Governor approved of the amendments, the Board feeling it did not have jurisdiction over other than salary changes.

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A Delegation consisting of Mr. Thomas B. R. Mudd, Chairman of the Maryland Veteran's Commission, and Eugene C. Balland and Roy C. Bushey, representing the Disabled Veterans of the World War, appeared before the Board and asked that funds be provided to continue work which has been done up to this time by Service Men connected with the Maryland Veterans Commission, but which men will not be available to the Commission in the new fiscal years because of the budget for the years 1938 and 1939 limiting the expenditure for administration costs to \$10,000.00 in each year.

Mr. Mudd referred to a balance of \$11,511.77 unexpended in the fiscal year ended September 30th, 1935, which he thought might be available to provide the funds to take care of the work which the Veterans want continued. The Veterans requested \$5,000.00 per year payable out of the balance mentioned if it is possible to use this money for that purpose.

The Board agreed to refer the matter to the Attorney General for his opinion as to whether it would be legally possible to expend any money out of the balance of \$11,511.77, remaining unexpended at September 30th 1935 of funds appropriated for the relief of Veterans.

The Secretary was requested to communicate with the Attorney General and secure an opinion from him in the matter.

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The Secretary read a letter directed to the Board by Doctor S. W.

Weltmer, Superintendent, Spring Grove State Hospital, dated May 21st, 1937, calling attention to the inadequate appropriation to the Institution for the current fiscal year. Mr. Blakeman, State Budget Director, submitted to the Board a summary of the finances of the Institution for the years 1934, 1935 and 1936, and estimate of the requirements of the Institution for 1937.

The Board advised Doctor Weltmer that there were no funds at its disposal to give him any relief in the situation. The State Budget Director was asked to look into the question of fuel for the institution for next year, payment for which was expected to be made out of the appropriation for the current fiscal year. If it is possible to help the situation any by deferring payment until the next fiscal year for coal purchased in the present fiscal year, this would be done.

*Dept. of Research + Education*

Dr. Raymond Truitt appeared before the Board in connection with some work necessary to complete the Marine Laboratory at Solomons Island, particularly on the Pier, and the building, which is in need of repairs. Dr. Truitt stated it would require \$716.45 to complete payment for the work involved.

The Board authorized the transfer of \$716.45 from the 1937 Emergency Reserve Fund to the account of the Conservation Department to take care of this expense.

The following letter from Mr. Blakeman, dated June 5th, 1937, relative to the office of the Commissioner of Employment and Registration, was read and considered -

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

June 5, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

During the compilation of the recommendations for the allocation of Cushion Fund money for the fiscal year 1937, there was a request from the Commissioner of Employment and Registration for funds to carry on work in his department being performed by WPA workers should the Federal Government see fit to withdraw their allotment June 1, 1937. This small additional request was not allowed by the writer and it is recalled that it was discussed with the Board at that time and deferred.

The seven clerks which Colonel Jones has had at his disposal for a year and half have now been withdrawn by the Works Progress Administration. This drastic reduction in available clerical force is a severe handicap to the Commissioner. Especially is this a fact in view of the increased amount of routine work required in the Office of the Commissioner by reason of legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature. In addition to new duties in connection with the allotment of salary restoration funds, the incorporation of the personnel of the Cheltenham School for Boys into the Merit System, the classification of the entire County payroll of Montgomery County before November 1, of the present calendar year justifies requesting

the Board of Public Works to allot from the small balance of the Cushion Fund yet remaining the sum of \$750 to continue some of the clerical assistance of the Employment Commissioner.

I recommend such an allotment.

Yours very truly,

Wm. H. Blakeman,  
State Budget Director.

The Board authorized the transfer of \$750.00 from the Emergency Reserve Fund of 1937 to the account of the Commissioner of Employment and Registration, to cover the expenses outlined in Mr. Blakeman's letter.

*Ref. for Sales*

The Secretary read to the Board a letter addressed to Mr. Blakeman, State Budget Director, by Mr. E. B. Carl, Superintendent, Maryland State Penal Farm, dated April 23rd, 1937, explaining an amendment which had previously been before the Board for approval.

The Board accepted the explanation contained in Mr. Carl's letter, which carried with it the approval to the Budget Amendment, previously submitted to the Board.

*St. Dept. of  
Public Welfare*

The following letter from Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Executive Secretary, Board of State Aid and Charities, dated May 11th, 1937, was read and considered-

BOARD OF STATE AID AND CHARITIES

May 11th, 1937.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

On January 27 we presented a plan to the Board of Public Works to cover the cost of blind examinations, in accordance with rules and regulations of Washington.

When this plan was presented, we thought it would be possible to have the clinics in Baltimore City do the examining without charge. We now find that we will have to pay \$2.00 per case, largely because there is such a complicated report form that has to be filled out, and instead of this re-examination costing around \$1200.00 it is going to cost around \$2200.00, plus the fee to the Reviewing State Ophthalmologist.

We would, therefore, like to have your approval to expend the additional amount out of the funds you now hold in the account "State Fund for Aid to the Blind".

Very truly yours,

/s/ J. Milton Patterson  
Executive Secretary.

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*St. James, Bld.*

The Board approved the expenditure of the additional amount of \$2200.00, plus the fee to the Reviewing State Ophthalmologist requested out of funds which the State now holds in the account "State Fund for Aid to the Blind."

*Henryton  
Victor F. Cullen  
State Hospital*

The following letter from Doctor Victor F. Cullen, Superintendent, Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatorium, dated May 29th, 1937, was read and considered -

MARYLAND TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM

May 29th, 1937.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Sec'ty.,  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Mr. McCusker:

I am enclosing you the original three bids; one from Mr. Muriel E. Stahley, which is a highbid; one from Mr. H. J. Knotts, which is the second, and one from Mr. Harold Davis, which is the low bid.

He is a resident of Carroll County, close to the job at Henryton.

I have investigated him. He put up the new building of the Western Maryland College, two bid schools in Carroll County, and his work is eminently satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Victor F. Cullen.

DR VFC/LMB.

The Board approved Doctor Cullen's request that he be authorized to award the contract for brick work at Henryton Sanatorium to Mr. J. Harold Davis, in accordance with his quotation of May 29th, 1937.

The following letter dated June 5th, 1937 from the Commission on Higher Education of Negroes, was read and considered -

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION OF NEGROES

June 5, 1937.

Mr. J. O'C. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
State Office Building,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

The Commission on Higher Education of Negroes, expired as of June 1st, inst., and as you doubtless recall a new Commission on Negro Scholarships has been established.

During the course of our existence considerable equipment has been purchased, and to all intents and purposes will be needed by the newly created body in the exercise of its duties.

A tentative arrangement has been made to effect a transfer of said property to the new Commission, however, I am informed from authoritative sources that the proper procedure in such matters is to secure the consent of the Board of Public Works. I am writing, therefore, to request that this matter be brought to the attention of the Board and in the event such action may be occasioned by a delay to determine whether the tentative transfer may be made pending a ruling from the Board.

For your convenience, I am enclosing herewith a list of the equipment in question, which does not include miscellaneous items such as a small supply of stationery, et cetera.

Thanking you kindly for your immediate reply, I am

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert P. McGuinn  
Executive Secretary.

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The Board approved the proposal outlined in the foregoing letter for the transfer of equipment from the old Commission to the new Commission.

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The following letter from P.B.H. McFeely, Acting Superintendent, Rosewood State Training School, dated June 5th, 1937, was read and considered -

ROSEWOOD STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

June 5, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

At a meeting of our Board of Visitors on May 12 last the following motion was made and passed: "Mr. Gorman moved that Mr. McFeely being placed in charge of Rosewood as Acting Superintendent due to a vacancy and having the responsibility and duties of the position in addition to his regular duties, should be paid in addition to his own salary the difference between such salary and the Superintendent's salary as additional compensation from date of vacancy, April 1, 1937, until the new Superintendent who has been appointed arrives and assumes the position."

Will appreciate your bringing to the attention of the Board of Public Works the above resolution of our Board and advising me if same is also approved by your Board.

Very truly yours,

/s/ P.B.H. McFeely  
Secretary & Acting Superintendent.

PBM:LMS

The Board approved the request of Mr. McFeely as to the salary for him, outlined in the foregoing letter.

*State Property*

The following letter from Mr. Harry Mertz, State Purchasing Agent, was read and considered -

CENTRAL PURCHASING BUREAU

May 27, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker, Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

On November 16th, last year your board authorized the transfer of a fabric tester from this office to the Maryland Training School for Boys, with the understanding that the School would have the use of it as occasion required and that it would remain the property of the Central Purchasing Bureau and be subject to whatever use the Bureau would want to make of it from time to time.

Since the transfer of this machine it has proven itself so valuable in determining factors relating to textiles that I would like to leave it at the School indefinitely and to also supply the school with other laboratory equipment to further assist the School officials in the work they are doing in textile testing for the bureau.

The following apparatus is the list I would like to transfer to the School with your permission:

1 - Electric Oven, Freas Serial 100-1418	\$100.00
1 - Microscope, Leitz	45.00
1 - Balance, Tremmer, #50	55.00
1 - Thread Counter, Suter	16.00

I would appreciate it if you would grant me permission to transfer this equipment to the Maryland Training School for Boys on the same basis as the textile tester was transferred.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Harry Mertz.

HM.C

State Purchasing Agent.

The Board approved the proposal outlined by Mr. Mertz to transfer the equipment from the Central Purchasing Bureau to the Maryland Training School for Boys.

The following letter, dated June 4th, 1937, from the State Roads Commission, was read and considered -

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

June 4, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker,  
Secretary,  
Board of Public Works,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

The Commission has expended its funds amounting to \$114.54 for Legal work incident to the examination of Title to the Peace Monument Lot at Bladensburg, in Prince George's County.

It is my understanding that reimbursement is to be made to the Commission for this expenditure.

Will you be good enough to consider this as a request for a transfer of funds in the amount shown on the attached bill, to the credit of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wm. A. Codd,  
Chief Auditor.

WAC/LBM

The Secretary was instructed to advise the State Roads Commission that it would approve the payment of \$114.54, mentioned in the foregoing letter out of funds available to the State Roads Commission, but that it did not have funds in any other account which could be made available to take care of this expense.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter dated May 24th, 1937 from Elmer E. Hammond, State Engineer, relative to repairs to the roof of the State House.

The Board authorized the proposal of W. F. Zeller Company in the amount of \$346.00 to do the work.

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The following letter from Mr. Blakeman, dated May 19th, 1937, was read and considered -

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

May 19th, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Attention of Mr. Jos. O'C. McCusker,  
Secretary.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the matter of the repairs to the wharf owned by the State and used by the Tobacco Warehouse which matter was referred to the writer by the Board for investigation and report, please note that on May 13, the wharf was visited by the writer and an estimate of the amount of repairs needed to put this wharf in proper working condition was made.

In jobs of this kind, most any amount of money can be spent in repairing an old structure that it is desired to spend, and inasmuch as the uncovering of old work probably would lead to a far more extensive job than is at first apparent, I believe that the repairing of the deck of this wharf with sufficient new capping to make it sound and in workable condition can be done for \$350. or \$400. and in order to be sure that the job is well done I recommend that a limit of \$500 be placed on the work and that the Board authorize the State Tobacco Warehouse to proceed with the work on this basis and that the Board authorize the allocation of \$500 from Excess Warehouse Collections to defray the cost.

This is in confirmation of verbal report made to the members of the Board and agreed to by them on this date and is made in writing for the Board's file.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Wm. H. Blakeman

State Budget Director.

The Board authorized the work outlined in the foregoing letter to be done, the expense to be limited to the sum of \$500.00, to be taken from excess receipts of the State Tobacco Warehouse in the current fiscal year.

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The following letter dated May 22nd, 1937 from the State Librarian, was read and considered -

STATE LIBRARY

May 22, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

The waxing machine purchased by the State a number of years ago for use in the State Buildings in Annapolis is worn out and we have been advised by Mr. Kries, Chief Engineer, that it is beyond repair. As it is absolutely necessary for us to have the use of such a machine in order to keep the floors in the Library in a presentable condition, as well as for the use of the other State Offices in Annapolis, I hereby request that the Board of Public Works purchase a new waxing machine for such use, should there be any money available for such a purpose.

Very truly yours,

John W. McCool,  
Librarian

By: Nelson J. Molter /s/

The secretary was authorized to look into the question of the purchase of a new machine and if it was found that there were sufficient funds in the appropriation of the Board of Public Works to proceed with the purchase.

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The following letter from Miners Hospital, Frostburg, Maryland, dated May 18th, 1937, was read and considered -

THE MINERS HOSPITAL

May 18th, 1937.

Hon. William S. Gordy, Jr.,  
State Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find list of uncollectible accounts of the Miners Hospital as of September 30th, 1936. The Board of Directors respectfully requests that permission be granted to charge these off our books as Bad Debts. We would appreciate it if you would bring this matter before the Board of Public Works.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Board of Directors.

By: /s/ W. O. McLane, Jr.  
Secretary.

WOMcL:r  
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The Board authorized the writing off as uncollectible of the accounts listed in the statement accompanying the letter of May 18th, the total of the accounts being \$1,857.57.

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The following letter dated May 6th, 1937, from the Conservation Department, was read and considered -

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

May 6, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker,  
Secretary, Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

Would you be kind enough at the next meeting of the Board of Public Works to ask that the Conservation Commission of Maryland be allowed to sell the Potomac power boat that has not been in use since 1931 and is now tied up unoccupied at Morris Point in St. Marys County, Maryland.

We are asking that we be allowed to sell same at the best price offered. This boat is very old and is decaying. The engine in her is thirty years old and we feel that we ought to try to get something for it rather than to have the State sustain a total loss.

Awaiting an early reply and thanking you for your interest in the matter, we are,

Very truly yours,

CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

By: /s/ Robert F. Duer,  
/Chairman.

The Board approved the request of the Conservation Department that it be authorized to sell the boat at the best price obtainable for it.

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The following letter dated May 24th, 1937, from Crownsville State Hospital, was read and considered -

CROWNSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

March 24th, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker,  
Secretary Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

In confirmation of our conversation over the 'phone of last week, I am writing you in reference to the increase of salary of Miss Rose Wright, a registered nurse.

Miss Wright has been getting \$72.00 per month and I am desirous of increasing her duties instead of replacing a nurse who left the Hospital on March 1st, 1937, who was receiving \$60.00 per month.

We are using \$28.00 of the \$60.00 added to Miss Wright's present salary of \$72.00. Thus allowing us to give her \$100.00 per month. This is to be effective from April 1st, 1937.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Robert P. Winterode,  
Superintendent.

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The Board approved the request of the Hospital, and stated that any Budget Amendment which might be necessary to accomplish the result will be duly approved.

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The following letter dated May 7th, 1937, from Eastern Shore State Hospital, was read and considered -

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL

May 7th, 1937.

Hon. Wm. S. Gordy,  
Comptroller-State of Maryland,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

We are in a position to dispose of approximately \$200.00 worth of old track and coal cars, which are not in use now, to the Cambridge Brick Company, in exchange for the corresponding amount of bricks.

We can very well use some bricks for repair purposes and would appreciate very much your approval for the disposal of this old iron in the above manner.

With further regards to the track and coal cars, we used to get our coal by vessel at the hospital pier and handled the coal to our binds with patient labor. Some years ago our pier was carried away by ice and we are now getting our coal from Baltimore, through bids by local people and find that this method is cheaper than building and maintaining a coal pier and equipment. These coal cars and track are therefore of no value to us whatever at this time and I believe can only be disposed of as junk.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Kenneth B. Jones, M.D.  
Superintendent.

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The Board approved the request of Doctor Jones that he be allowed to use the old track and coal cars not now in use and secure in return for them a corresponding value in bricks.

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The following letter dated May 7th, 1937, from the State Department of Forestry, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

May 7th, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Your approval is requested for the purchase of a tract of woodland, joining the Green Ridge State Forest, described as follows -

This tract contains approximately 510 acres, belonging to A. L. Shirclif, Harry O. Robinette and Adam Teets of Flintstone, Maryland, for which we have taken an option at the price of \$2. per acre. The land has been carefully examined by the Forestry Department. It is practically all wooded in young timber, some of it of merchantable size. This tract borders the land we now own, and is considered a very desirable acquisition at the price offered, and I fully recommend its purchase, subject to acreage determined by survey and approval of title by the Attorney General.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

FWB/W

State Forester.

The Board approved the proposal outlined by the State Forester in the foregoing letter.

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The following letter dated May 27th, 1937, from the State Department of Forestry, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

May 27th, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Approval is requested for the purchase of approximately 35 acres of land at \$2. per acre, from E. A. Barnard, of Garrett County.

This land borders the Potomac State Forest, is part of military lot #71, is entirely wooded with good young growth and some merchantable timber, and is fully recommended as a desirable purchase from funds now available.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

FWB/p

State Forester.

The Board approved the proposal outlined in the foregoing letter of the State Forester.

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The following letter dated June 1st, 1937, from the State Department of Forestry, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

June 1, 1937.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

Approval for the acquisition of a small parcel of land, described below, for a forest fire observation tower site and right-of-way leading to it is requested. This tower site is to be purchased through funds provided a year ago by the Dorchester County Commissioners. The steel tower to be erected on this site has already been purchased by the Federal Government under the CCC program and is now on the site ready for erection. The site has been selected with federal approval and with due regard to the best location in the permanent fire

detection system. Additional funds are to be provided in September by the County Commissioners for purchase of instruments and equipment to be used in operation of the tower. Description of site and right-of-way follows:

Located about 1 mile west of Shiloh Church, 2nd Election District, Dorchester County. One acre of land and right-of-way 280 feet long, located at an elevation of 56 feet, the highest elevation in Dorchester County, and closely adjacent to the State Road from East New Market to Rhodesdale. To be purchased for \$200. from the Maryland-Virginia Joint Stock Land Bank of Baltimore, Inc.

This improvement is in furtherance of the general plan that was outlined to the Board of Regents in January, 1935, and towards which we have been directing our efforts since that date in an endeavor to improve facilities for more adequate fire protection.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

State Forester.

The Board approved the proposal outlined in the foregoing letter of the State Department of Forestry.

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The following letter from the State Department of Forestry, dated May 13th, 1937, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

May 13, 1937.

Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr.,  
State Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Gordy:-

I am transmitting herewith requisition for checks payable to the three parties named in the amounts given. This is for land to be acquired for State forests.

8 The first two have been approved both by the Board of Regents and the Board of Public Works, surveyed and title examined. In the case of the third tract an emergency is created by the fact that this piece of ground is necessary for the erection of buildings for a CCC camp, the other sites offered having been found unsuited. Immediate action is necessary in order not to delay the erection of the camp. The land has been surveyed, title has been examined, and under the circumstances I feel that we are fully justified in closing this purchase, as the price is reasonable, and the need urgent. I hope that these checks may be forwarded to us as soon as possible, or if there will be any considerable delay, I will appreciate it if you will notify me when we may expect them, so that arrangements can be made for the parties involved to meet for settlement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

State Forester.

FWB/w  
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The Board approved the proposal outlined in the foregoing letter of the State Forester.

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Very truly yours,

/s/ F. W. Besley,

State Forester.

FWB/W  
enc.

The Board approved the proposal outlined in the foregoing letter of the State Forester.

The following letter dated May 8th, 1937, from Springfield State Hospital, was read and considered -

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

May 8, 1937.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker,  
Chief Deputy Comptroller,  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

I enclose copy of resolution passed by the Board of Managers at the meeting of May 7th, relative to the use of \$35,000 of bond money due August 15, 1937, and request allocation of funds by the Board of Public Works for this purpose.

We are immediately proceeding to secure competent engineering advice and

to make up specifications for bids which, of course, will be handled through the State Purchasing Bureau.

It is the desire of the Board that the \$55,000 due February 15, 1938 and the \$100,000 due August 15, 1938 be allocated for the construction of a new building for the care of the acute tuberculosis occurring among the patients committed to mental hospitals in Maryland. Work is progressing upon definite plans and as soon as more definite data is available a further resolution will be presented for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ira A. Darling, M.D.  
Superintendent.

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enc.

The Board deferred any action on the request of the hospital because of legal proceedings in process at the present time, which might have some bearing on the validity of the General Bond Issue of 1937.

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The following letter dated May 19th, 1937, from the County Commissioners of Worcester County, was read and considered -

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

for Worcester County, Maryland.

May 19, 1937.

Board of Public Works, c/o  
Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr.,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Gordy:

I believe Gov. Nice signed the bill yesterday which releases the fund with which you can pay for rights of ways for Pocomoke River project. The County Commissioners of Worcester County put up \$1000 in cash to apply on the purchase of right of ways at the mouth of the Pocomoke River which have been duly turned over to the Government. We will thank you to promptly reimburse us for this amount so that it may be reflected in our levy which is struck on June 1st.

Also please advise us if we shall be able to get another payment on the General Public Assistance (Aid to Needy) fund before June 1st, and if so what amount so that we may use that figure also in our levy.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

By order of the Board of County Commissioners  
for Worcester County, Maryland.

/s/ Lena H. Riggin,  
Clerk to Board.

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The Board approved the request for reimbursement, but suggested that the County Commissioners should file with the Board of Public Works definite information covering the property acquired, etc.

*Macl.*

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Senator George L. Radcliffe, together with letter of Dr. Karl Singewald, State Director of Federal Writers' Project, in which the State is asked to make available some money to continue the work which Dr. Singewald has been following lately.

The Board was unable to comply with the suggestion that money be furnished for the work because of the fact that there are no funds available to the Board.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Sol Bloom, Director General, United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission, in which the Board is requested to approve the loan to the Commission of portrait of Thomas Stone by John B. Bordley, which portrait is in the State House at the present time.

The Board approved the loan of the portrait under the same conditions connected with the loan of the Portrait of William Paca.

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*Springfield*

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Doctor Darling, relative to finances of the Institution for the balance of the present fiscal year. Mr. Blakeman stated that he had gone over this matter very thoroughly with Doctor Darling, and that the Doctor assured him that he would be able to operate the Institution within the present Budget in the rather broad tolerance of transfers between items if granted at the end of the fiscal year.

The Board was in agreement with this proposal, and suggested that when Budget Amendments were necessary they should be submitted in the usual course.

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*Barrett School*

The Secretary took up with the Board a file of correspondence relative to trouble which the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, Glen Burnie, Maryland is experiencing through leaks in their building, at times when rains are rather severe. Mr. Elmer E. Hammond, State Engineer, made an investigation of the matter sometime ago and in a report received from him dated April 29th, 1937 it is stated that the cause of the present leakage in his opinion is leaks which are apparent on the roof and the chimney flashing, as well as the chimneys themselves.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate this information to the School.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board several communications from Doctor Homer E. Tabler, Chairman of the State Roads Commission, relating to certain construction work the Commission wants to undertake in connection with the restoration of bridges, etc., as authorized by the Emergency/Bond Issue of 1936.  
Reconstruction

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the State Roads Commission and ask for more detailed information in connection with the project.



The Board approved amendments to budgets of Springfield State Hospital and Eastern Shore State Hospital, distributing \$15,800 to each institution for the balance of the fiscal year 1937, as authorized by the General Assembly of 1937.

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The following letter from the State Department of Health, dated April 28th, 1937, was read and considered -

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

April 28, 1937.

Mr. William H. Blakeman,  
State Budget Director,  
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mr. Blakeman:-

On March 25th I wrote you requesting certain adjustments in the salaries of three bacteriologists, Mr. Krasauskas, Miss Fox and Mr. Hajna. The Board of Public Works acted favorably on this request. The request involved an increase in the salaries of Mr. Krasauskas and Miss Fox from \$1,000.00 and \$1,200.00 a year.

Very shortly after the favorable action by the Board of Public Works on this request, Mr. Krasauskas was offered a position with the Baltimore City Health Department at \$1400.00 a year. In order to retain his services, and he has proved to be efficient, it appears to be necessary to meet this offer and to increase Miss Fox to the same amount. It will be necessary to pay each of these workers \$1400.00, or a total of \$2800.00. This can be done by establishing these two positions under the Social Security Act at the amounts indicated.

An increase in the number of bacteriologists is urgently needed. You are familiar with the large number of resignations among the laboratory workers in the last two years. Six of our best trained people have resigned to accept positions paying larger salaries elsewhere. The situation in our bacteriological laboratory is very critical. The work is extremely important and on the work of this laboratory, through the results of examinations made of specimens taken from sick people, depends very frequently the doctor's diagnosis as to whether or not an individual has syphilis, gonorrhea, tuberculosis, typhoid fever, diphtheria or other communicable disease. A wrong diagnosis may be fatal to the patient or hazardous to the public. Therefore, we feel it vital to maintain the technical service in the bacteriological laboratory at as high a standard as possible.

Furthermore, the number of specimens examined has increased very markedly in the last two or three years. The total number of examinations has increased from 119,497 in 1933 to 137,896 in 1936. The number of Wassermann examinations, to determine the presence of syphilis, has increased from 24,103 in 1930 to 51,672 in 1936. In March 1937, 5,580 Wassermann examinations were made. We have only one serologist for that purpose and the number of examinations made almost make it impossible for the proper degree of accuracy to be exercised. We, therefore, need an additional serologist and an additional junior typist to send out the laboratory reports to physicians promptly. We suggest the following solution of the problem:

Transfer Mr. Krasauskas and Miss Fox to the Social Security payroll at salaries of \$1400.00 each.

This will make available their present salaries of \$1000.00 each, plus \$680.00 in the salary of Mrs. Thomas who resigned and whose successor receives \$680.00 less than she did. There will thus be available \$2680.00.

With this we should like to increase Mr. Windfeld-Hansen \$200.00, Mr. Hajna \$260.00, which increase has already been approved by the Board of Public Works, and to employ a new laboratory technician at \$1200.00 and a junior typist at \$1000.00, a total of \$2660.00.

It is requested that this matter be presented to the Board of Public Works and , if approval is given for these salary increases and for the employment of the two additional persons, we will be glad to submit an amended budget providing therefor.

Yours very truly,  
/s/ Walter N. Kirkman.

WNK/MAA

Chief, Division of  
Personnel and Accounts.

The Board confirmed the verbal approval previously given by Mr. Gordy and Mr. Miles to the request contained in the foregoing letter.

*St. Dept. of  
Public Welfare*

The Secretary presented to the Board a communication from Mr. J. Milton Patterson, Executive Secretary of the Board of State Aid and Charities, with statement of requirements for salaries and expenses of the Public Assistance Division for the four months beginning June 1st, 1937..

The Secretary was instructed to inquire of Mr. Patterson whether the salaries shown in the statement were a continuation of the salaries which had been heretofore authorized and in effect to June 1st, 1937..

The Budget Director submitted for approval budget amendments for several State Departments, and after due consideration the Board approved the amendments. The departments submitting amendments and the date of submissions are as follows-

<u>Department</u>	<u>Date submitted</u>
Military	May 1st, 1937
Industrial Accident Commission	April 19, 1937
Central Purchasing Bureau	May 13, 1937
State Auditor	May 22, 1937
U. of Md. Princess Anne Academy	-
U. of Md. School of Pharmacy	May 24, 1937
Comm'r of Motor Vehicles	June 7, 1937
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

*Joseph O. McElwain*  
Secretary.